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These Days School Again

All over the country, in schools of all kinds and for all ages, students are settling down to the routine of their classes.



The purposes are varied and many for those who are older and are going to institutions of higher learning and to schools giving specialized training. But learning is the basis for all school attendance whether with relish or with reluctance, and whether for the fulfillment of ambitions or for the appeasement of hopeful parents.

These are also busy days for our District school, Glad Tidings Bible Institute. The building is fairly straining with the large number who have come to school, and even the newly acquired overflow-building, on Van Ness Avenue near Geary Street, is filled. Besides these quarters, apartments in the vicinity of G. T. B. I. are housing not a few of the student body. As married couples have been able to secure apartments within walking distance, they have done so; and some with cars come from greater distances. Students have arrived from South America and from Alaska, from the East Coast and from the Midwest; but most of them are western young people. There are three pastors' families with three members in the school. And there are a number of instances where there are two from a family enrolled. Counting the married couples and the *in-law* connections, there are other families with a representation of three.

It won't be many weeks before the schoolful of unacquainted young folk, the upperclassmen strange now too to the newcomers, will be a happy family, a very large one, to be sure. After days together, of prayer and of blessing together, and of being together in school activities, there will come a bond of fellowship that welds into friendships and mutual interests. Out of it can come a moral and spiritual strength that will be molded into young lives that, added to training and Christian purpose, can produce able and willing workers in the cause of our Christ.

Of course, school is not all pleasure; no school is. If it were it could actually be a misfortune, for life is not all pleasure. Of what good is any school if it does not teach, along with the

skill it imparts, an ability to live and to use the skill? It is well to be accomplished, but one is poorly equipped who does not know how to live with his accomplishment.

There are tens of thousands in schools and many hundreds in our Bible schools, but they are not the only ones who will be learning. The Christian is called a disciple in the Word of God. A disciple is a learner. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me," said Jesus. One would hesitate to conjecture when graduation from that school can be attained. "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," said the Apostle Paul of some (2 Tim. 3:5). In any phase of life, there are things to be learned. The man who will not learn by instruction or by the trial and error method is on the way to being declared incompetent. If a man has no desire for learning or if he thinks he has learned it all, he is through learning. The same is true of learning in spiritual matters. If we think we know all there is to know, we know all we will know, all we can know. If we learn of Him through His Word, and by the ministry of His Spirit as He guides into all truth, we are disciples indeed. Students in the school of life should learn how to live as well as how to make a living, and learning how to live is an art too few accomplish. Learning how to live in Christ is greater learning; it is for now and it is for all eternity. "Whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away," says the Apostle. When that day comes it will be when living shall be at its best and man shall not only know how to live but shall then be living in the fullness of His presence forevermore.

— M. M.

HOW TO PACK FOR TRAVELING

Someone describes packing his valise for a journey. Just before closing it, he observes a small corner not yet filled. He says, "Into this little corner I put a guide-book, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a volume of choice poems, several well-written biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sharp sword and a small library of more than 60 volumes; yet, strange enough to say, all these did not occupy a space of more than three inches long by two inches wide." "But how could you do it?" "Well, it was all in the packing; I put in my Bible."

—Selected

HIS ONE MISTAKE

He brushed his teeth twice a day—with a nationally-advertised tooth paste. The doctor examined him twice a year. He wore rubbers when it rained. He slept with the window open. He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.

He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn-out glands.

He golfed—but never more than eighteen holes at a time.

He got at least eight hours' sleep every night.

He never smoked, drank, or lost his temper.

He did his "daily dozen" daily.

He was all set to live to be a hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He is survived by eighteen specialists, four health institutes, six gymnasiums, and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics.

He forgot God, lived as if this world was all, and now is with those who say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

(Jer. 8:20). —Radio Evangelist

FEELING, FAITH AND FACT

Three men were walking on a wall,

Feeling, Faith, and Fact;

When Feeling got an awful fall

And Faith was taken back;

So close was Faith to Feeling

That Faith fell down too,

But Fact remained and pulled Faith up

And Faith brought Feeling too.

Theory is a funny little thing that doesn't work unless you do.

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The Heresy of Praxeas

J. Narver Gortner

Almost every heresy that has been conceived and propagated has found a following, and when having been successfully refuted, and having disappeared for a while, has reappeared again in the same form, or in some new and more attractive form, in order, if possible, to deceive the very elect. Satan has various ways of waging war against the cause of God. He wages his war from without, and from within. And it can be safely said that the war that is waged from within is the more effective. The best way to combat error is with truth, and, on the other hand, as the devil well knows, the best way to combat truth, if one be set to do such an unholy task, is with error. It is folly, as the history of humanity plainly shows, to endeavor to crush truth with the sword, or by the power of the state, and it is just as great folly to thus try to crush error. The light is the most effective adversary of darkness and is the only thing that can succeed in chasing it away, and truth is the only weapon that can be used successfully against truth.

Our Lord said, as He looked into the face of the Father just a few brief hours before He went to the cross to pay the penalty of the world's sin, "Thy Word is truth" (John 17:17). And Paul tells us that the effective weapon that is needed to combat the evil agencies of the adversary, "the angelic Rulers, the angelic Authorities, the potentates of the dark present, the spirit-forces of evil in the heavenly sphere" (Moffatt), is "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17). Blessed indeed is that man who knows how to wield it! The devil tries to wrest it from the grasp of the saint, and make use of it against the man from whose hand he has wrested it. That is evident from the account that has been afforded us of the temptation of our Lord. Jesus quoted Scripture, and the devil quoted Scripture also. But Jesus had what the devil did not have: the shield of faith as well as the sword of the Spirit, and with that shield of faith He was able to quench all the fiery darts that were launched against Him.

The story of the temptation is an illustration of the fact that Satan makes use of the Bible in his effort to combat and overthrow the truth of God. We see how important it is that we be versed in the Word of God; otherwise we may not be able to meet Scripture with Scripture, if Scripture is made use of to propagate error. The Psalmist said, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Psalm 119:11). He was evidently always ready when the enemy assailed him to take that Word out from the place where he had hidden

it, and use it to defend himself, and put the adversary to flight.

Some men are known, and are gratefully remembered by succeeding generations, and benefactors of humanity, because they have fearlessly and faithfully proclaimed the truth, and have been willing to die for it; and others have been known and remembered because they were the advocates of error, and sowed tares among the wheat. Wherever tares are found among the wheat it is because somebody has sowed the seed. God makes use of men, and the devil makes use of men. The men God uses, and puts His stamp of approval on, sow the Word, and while all the seed does not fall upon good ground, some of it does, and it brings forth fruit. See Matt. 13:23.

Praxeas was a heretic of the latter part of the second century. His heresy appears to have been an outgrowth of that heresy that was already in evidence in the time of John, and that John characterized as a failure to abide in what he calls "the doctrine of Christ." He wrote, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath *both the Father and the Son*" (2 John 9). Praxeas believed and taught that there is no distinction of persons in the Godhead, that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are identical; in other words, that the Father is the Son, and the Son is the Father, and that the Holy Ghost is the Father and the Son, and that both the Father and the Son, being One Person, and not Two Persons, are identical in personality with the Holy Spirit whom we regard as the third Person of the Trinity. His heresy consisted, it will be seen, in a denial of the doctrine of the Trinity. But he was not a Unitarian in the sense in which the term Unitarian is understood today. The modern Unitarian denies the deity of Jesus. Praxeas admitted and taught it, but he contended that Jesus was the Father, and that when Jesus died upon the cross the Father died. In other words, he taught that it was the Father that came down from heaven, and was conceived by His own power in the womb of the Virgin, to be born as a Child, and to live among men, and to then die and rise from the dead. He furthermore taught that the Lord Jesus is seated in heaven at His own right hand, and he does not appear to have had any appreciation whatsoever of the absurdity of the position he had been logically forced into by his

own misinterpretation of certain passages of Scripture that would not have caused him to stumble if he had carefully compared them with other passages as he should have done.

His error was denounced, and exposed, and he himself was led to retract his views, and in Tertullian's day there was a document Praxeas had written, and signed, in which he renounced all his errors, admitting that his teaching had been heresy. Some say that he afterwards retracted his retraction, and again propagated his error. But I find no evidence of this fact in the writings of the fathers. Tertullian tells us that Praxeas "resumed his old faith," by which he means the true faith, that faith which acknowledges and teaches the doctrine of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three Persons in the Godhead, and that he taught it "after his renunciation of error." And then follows in Tertullian's treatise on the subject that significant passage: "But the tares of *Praxeas* had been everywhere shaken out of their seed, which having laid hid for some while, with its vitality concealed under a mask, has now broken out with fresh life. But again shall it be rooted up, if the Lord will, even now; but if not now, in the day when all bundles of tares shall be gathered together, and along with every other stumbling-block shall be burnt up with unquenchable fire."

Montanus, Prisca, and Maximilla were individuals who appear to have had prophetic gifts such as the Holy Spirit, at the beginning, had designed should be the possession of the church all the way down through the church age, and these prophetic gifts had been acknowledged by the Bishop of Rome, who, at that time, was not called the Pope, but who was supposed to have greater authority than any Bishop in the church. Praxeas, it appears, not only denied the doctrine of the Trinity, but he denied also the continuance in the church of the prophetic gifts that had been bestowed at the beginning, and he used his influence at Rome in getting the Bishop of Rome to recall his endorsement of the prophetic gifts. This is what Tertullian says concerning the matter: "For after the Bishop of Rome had acknowledged the prophetic gifts of Montanus, Prisca, and Maximilla, and, in consequence of the acknowledgement, had bestowed his peace on the churches of Phrygia, *he*, (by whom he means Praxeas) by importunately urging false accusations against the prophets them-

selves and their churches, and insisting on the authority of the bishop's predecessors in the see, compelled him to recall the specific letter which he had issued, as well as to desist from his purpose of acknowledging the said gifts. By this Praxeas did a twofold service for the devil at Rome: he drove away prophecy, and he brought in heresy; he put to flight the Paraclete, and he crucified the Father."

I should like to have my readers appreciate the full significance of the above quotation. It sheds a lot of light on the conditions that obtained in the church about the close of the second century. The Bishop of Rome was prominent, the most prominent of the bishops, but he was not yet supreme. He was evidently a man who believed in prophetic gifts, and he had endorsed the gifts that appeared to be in evidence. However, some of his predecessors appear to have denounced those gifts, perhaps saying what is said in many circles today, that the gifts were designed to be temporary, and that they had ceased. Praxeas was opposed to the gifts, and in Rome he used his influence, which seems to have been considerable, to persuade the Bishop there to recall his endorsement of them. Tertullian was an outstanding preacher of the day, one of the greatest among the preachers and writers of that particular time, and he did not hesitate to speak fearlessly and faithfully against what the Bishop of Rome had done. Let us not forget that this was not after the reformation, but that it was a long time before there was felt any particular need for a reformation in the church. The church was not so far gone as in subsequent centuries.

Lest some of my readers, being acquainted with church history, and with what the church historians have had to say, may regard the Bishop of Rome as having done the right thing when he withdrew his endorsement of the prophetic gifts of Montanus, and his associates, I think I should transcribe here a few lines from the Journal of John Wesley:

"Wed. 15. By reflecting on an odd book which I had read in this journey, 'The General Delusion of Christians with regard to Prophecy,' I was fully convinced of what I had long suspected: 1. That the Montanists, in the second and third centuries, were real scriptural Christians; and, 2. That the grand reason why the miraculous gifts were so soon withdrawn, was not only that faith and holiness were well nigh lost, but that dry, formal, orthodox men began even then to ridicule whatever gifts they had not themselves, and to decry them all as either madness or imposture" (*The Journal of the Rev. John*

Wesley, vol. 2, p. 169).

There was an outpouring of Spirit in London about the year 1825, under the ministry of the eloquent and deeply spiritual minister, Edward Irving, who was greatly admired by Thomas Carlyle and who had in the earlier years of his ministry been an associate in Scotland of the noted Thomas Chalmers; and at the time of that outpouring many of the gifts of the Spirit were in evidence, such as tongues and interpretation, prophecy, and the gifts of healing; and church historians who have written concerning the revival have been almost a unit in classing it among the fanatical outbursts of unrestrained enthusiasm which, we are told, have characterized the history of the church all the way down through the centuries since the beginning. But many who have made a detailed study of the subject are convinced these historians have

been misled by their prejudices, and that the revival was a genuine revival.

And what was true concerning the revival under Irving was doubtless true of the revival in the days of Montanus, and his associates, as Tertullian, and many others, devoutly believed.

The heresy of Praxeas was founded upon Scripture. Space forbids my entering into the matter now, but in the next issue, the Lord willing, we shall consider the Scriptures upon which he based his heresy concerning the Trinity, and shall endeavor to explain those Scriptures in the light of what other passages assert or imply concerning the orthodox view. In the meantime it may be said that in answering Praxeas we shall be answering some in the Pentecostal fold today who entertain views similar to the views Praxeas entertained and propagated in his day.

A Rooster's Encouragement

Since childhood she had been fascinated by incidents of the special way in which God used those who put their all at His disposal. It was, therefore, but natural when she accepted Christ as her Savior, her Lord, and her Master, that she should expect Him to use her; and if possible, in some definite manner. Down in her heart she felt certain that some days she, with her young husband, would be sent to Africa, or to India, or perhaps to China to carry the message of salvation.

On the opening day of a convention she was an early arrival. She rejoiced as the first speaker began to relate thrilling experiences of fourteen years in Africa; but by the time the thirteenth missionary had spoken, the front-seat listener was sure that she could never qualify for such work. Utterly discouraged, she asked a Dr. K..... if he thought God could use most anyone in Christian service.

"Use most anyone! Of course He can. He used a rooster to convince Peter," replied the minister, smilingly, as he hastened away.

The burden lifted, as she repeated, "God used a rooster—a mere rooster—to convince Peter. Surely, then, He can use even me, for am I not of more value than many roosters?" Taking her pencil, she wrote, then she rewrote, until she had the following outline:

Encouragement

The Lord will use any Christian following the rules adhered to by the rooster.

1. The rooster rises early, and immediately begins his God-given task.
2. The rooster does not refuse to

crow because he cannot sing like a canary; but he crows as if to him, at least, his was the most important work in the world.

3. He efficiently does that which is never praised. Who ever heard anyone saying, "Did you listen to that rooster crow? Hasn't he a charming voice?"

4. He wakens sleepers. Unpopular but often necessary.

5. He is the proclaimer of good news—a new day with glorious possibilities and responsibilities has dawned!

6. He is dependable. He is persistent. He is an excellent advertiser.

7. He never complains about having to do the same common task; and he does not worry about compensation, or the recognition he should have.

That night she prayed: "O God of the long age, and the God of today, I realize that I am of the common variety, but gladly I put myself at Thy disposal. I cannot sing, but with Thy help, I can crow."

Thirty years have passed since that night—thirty years of serving with her minister - husband. Thirty years of awakening sleepers. Thirty years of proclaiming the efficacy of the Blood, the faithfulness of God, and the surety of the Word.

Today, she and her husband know that God's leadings are wonderful and His ways are always best.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Pure metals shine brighter the more they are rubbed.

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It is one thing to itch for something and another to scratch for it.

The Story Of Creation

by Saul Benjamin

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Long, long ago, longer perhaps than any can guess or count, God decided to create something and to make it livable for creatures of different kinds. To create means to bring out or to make something out of nothing. No one can do that but God alone. He is all-powerful.

We have no idea what things were like at that time, and we have no way of finding out. It is not important, however, to know what God has seen best not to tell us. But we know that God created the worlds from nothing, because the Bible tells us so. The Bible gives us hints to let us know what the conditions were upon this earth before destruction came upon it because of sin.

Precious metals are found on this earth in abundance: gold, silver, copper, iron, and many other kinds. There are also found diamonds that shimmer in the sun, as well as other kinds of precious stones in various parts of the earth. These metals and precious stones are not found upon the surface of the earth alone. Some are found lying on the face of the earth, and gold rushes have taken place because of them. But most of them are found buried deeply in the heart of the earth from whence they have to be dug by hard labor before man can use them.

Is it not strange that in the same earth such precious metals can be found scattered at widely separated points? Is it not strange that this wealth is found on the face of the earth as well as deeply buried under the surface? How did these metals and precious stones come to be here and to be scattered about on the earth in different positions instead of all in order and in one place? What would happen if you were carrying a basket full of apples and you suddenly stumbled over something and the basket was emptied of its contents? Would the apples remain all in one pile or would they scatter helter-skelter?

There is evidence in the Bible that when God created the earth He decorated it with all the beautiful and precious metals so that it sparkled in the light of the sun. How long the earth remained in this state we are not told. It must have been dazzlingly beautiful, and those who lived upon it must have enjoyed it. Just imagine walking out into the street and stooping down to pick up a stone and find it glittering in the light of the sun.

Then something happened to change all this. The Bible indicates that a great catastrophe befell this earth. What was

the cause of this awful judgment? There is evidence in the Bible that a race of beings lived here with a very beautiful creature for their leader. This was, of course, long before Adam was created. This creature was very wise and had a great army of angels who followed and served him. He was nearer to the throne of God than any other. He was handsome and mighty. None could compare with him. One day as he looked upon himself and saw what he was and that he was great and able, he wished to overthrow God, to take His throne, and rule in His stead. His folly and sin was pride and ignorance of God's wisdom. His angels also did approve his plan. But there is not one thought in our hearts but what God sees it and He knows what we think. You had better be careful what you think.

And God saw the thought of Lucifer, for that was his name, and knew his plans before he ever devised them. He called this Lucifer before Him and judged him unworthy to stand before the throne, and then cast out from His presence as an enemy, together with all those angels who followed him. Then Lucifer, the covering cherub, the son of the morning, became, as he is now known, the devil, Satan, and Appollyn. It is quite possible and reasonable that when God cast Lucifer out He also destroyed his abode—this earth. So that when the earth shook and trembled with the judgment of God, its beautiful decorations flew in every direction, as would the frosting off a cake, and parts became buried while other parts remained upon the surface of the earth. This may be the reason why in some places on the earth these precious metals are more abundant than in others, in some places they are buried deeply in the ground, and in other places they are right upon the surface.

When we come to the second verse of Genesis, chapter one, we see the earth in desolation and darkness, no sun shining, no flowers blooming, no green grass, everything in silence and gloom. And the reason for this disaster and great loss was the pride and disobedience of this one called Lucifer, who became Satan, meaning enemy. Disobedience is sin. Seeking to exalt self above God is sin. And sin will bring the judgment of God and certain loss to the sinner.

But Christ is the remedy for sin, for all sin. He is the mediator between sinful man and a righteous God. "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

The Mistaken Skeptic

Back in the days of America's youth, the son of a Massachusetts minister enrolled at an Eastern university. Since childhood he had been stumping the experts with his intellectual brilliance, and no one was much surprised when, a few months before his twentieth birthday he was graduated with highest honors, from the university. The father was proud of his son. But with the pride had come a greater mingling of sorrow—for at the university his son had lost his faith through the companionship of his campus buddy, a young skeptic who scoffed at the Bible, the blood and diety of Jesus Christ.

The young chap, who had intended to be a minister like his father, instead joined a theatrical party. He worked hard to make a success on the stage; but the measure of success he attained didn't satisfy him. Meanwhile, he had lost track of his campus crony, or perhaps would have sought him out and given him a verbal lashing for the failure that seemed more and more related to his departure from his father's faith. At last he grew so tired of theatrical work that, typical of the prodigal, he decided to go home to his father. It was back in the days of the stagecoach, which made it necessary to stop overnight in a country inn. Glad though he was to be going home, he didn't sleep well that night, for someone across the hall was in great agony. Upon inquiring he learned that an atheist lay dying, crying out his despair as he faced eternity fearful and without hope.

Shortly before morning the atheist died. But before he was removed from the inn, the young traveler discovered that the atheist who died in such agony was his own college chum who had once had so arrogantly disputed the teachings of the Bible. Horrified, the young traveler turned to the Lord for forgiveness of his sins. His name, by the way—Adoniram Judson, one of the greatest missionaries of all time.

—Christian Digest.

The Royal Engineers

Dan Crawford tells of an experience he and his party had while returning to his African mission field after a furlough. A stream to be crossed was in flood, and there were no boats. Haste in getting back was important. The missionaries camped and prayed. After a time a tall tree which had battled with the river for a century, perhaps, began to totter, and then fell—clear across the stream. "The Royal Engineers of Heaven," Mr. Crawford said, "had laid a pontoon bridge for God's servants" (S. S. Times)—D. B. M.



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General Presbyters Meet

by R. J. Thurmond

Brothers Gaston, Keys, E. Persing, and I arrived in Springfield in time for the closing session of the Radio Seminar. We enjoyed hearing the address of the national director of the Lutheran Hour. It was interesting to hear the success and far-reaching effect of their work and of the challenge of radio work for Christ.

After the opening devotions of the General Presbyter's meeting the General Superintendent, Brother E. S. Williams, read his report in which he presented four recommendations. It was voted later, after committee consideration, that they be presented to the next General Council meeting. In substance, they are: (1) That the bylaws be changed so that the elected resident executives shall constitute the Executive Presbytery. In all matters affecting the general fellowship, they could communicate with the members of the General Presbytery before final action. (2) That there be appointed at the session of the General Presbyters between General Councils, a committee to investigate and recommend to the General Presbytery persons the committee believes to be qualified for the offices of Foreign Mission Secretary and of General Treasurer. The nominees approved by the General Presbytery would then be placed before the General Council for election. (3) That instead of a Committee of Education to work with the Education Secretary and to serve for two years or until successors are appointed, special committees be appointed as needs arise and that they automatically be dissolved when their work is finished. (4) That instead of the Home Missions Committee having five nonsalaried sectional representatives from the Northwest, Central, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest, the District Superintendents serve as the sectional representatives. The matter of greatest interest on Brother Williams' report was his declaration that he will not be a candidate for re-election at the next General Council session. He made this announcement that careful and prayerful consideration may be given to the matter of his successor. At the time of the next General Council, Brother Wil-

liams will have served as General Superintendent for 20 years.

Brother J. R. Flower, the General Secretary, gave a comprehensive report of the meetings of the Executive Presbytery and of the committees that had met during the year, as well as of the conferences which he had attended. The General Treasurer, Brother Wilfred A. Brown, gave a good report of the finances of the many departments. It was seen that he is capably handling his work.

Brother Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, gave an interesting report of world needs and conditions. Though more money came in this year than came in last year, it did not go so far because of higher costs of operating overhead, missionary living costs, travel costs, and other expenses. Missionary giving for the year was over \$1,900,000, just a little under two million dollars. The first missionary flight of the big plane, *The Ambassador*, to Africa, covering over 19,000 miles, taking missionaries over and bringing some back, was done at a saving of over \$5000, if usual transportation had been used for all each way. The plane was dedicated on Sunday afternoon by all the General Presbyters, and then several flights were made to take everyone up for a ride over Springfield and the surrounding country. A second plane of the same type, C-46, is now being worked over and will be put into service. These planes were purchased for \$5000 each from war surplus with Speed-the-Light funds, given by the C. A.'s.

Brother Fred Vogler, Secretary of the Home Missions Department, had a fine report to show for the work in Alaska, for the expanding work among the American Indians, and for the development of the work of the Christian Deaf Fellowship, which is reaching hundreds of children in State schools for the deaf. Brother J. W. Stallings, Jr., of Norfolk, Virginia, has been appointed superintendent of this work. A class has been started at C. B. I. to teach the sign language to those who have a burden for this kind of work. The Krause Foundation Fund is handled by the Home Mis-

sions Department and many thousands of dollars have been given out in loans to needy home missions fields. Brother Vogler introduced a five-year plan (if Jesus tarries) to double the number of churches and membership. This will be published in the *Evangel*.

A design for a road sign of baked enamel to be used nationally was submitted by Brother Hondricks of the Sunday School Department. The department was authorized to negotiate for these in large quantities and to inform the fellowship further about them. It was felt that all the assemblies would want to have these attractive signs to place on the highways coming into their cities.

Brother J. Z. Kameron, manager of the Gospel Publishing House, reported on the progress of the new building for the printing plant. It is expected to be in use by next July. Prices have risen so much that this unit will cost around \$1,000,000 instead of the \$600,000 as originally planned. To complete the entire new Gospel Publishing House and Administration Building, the cost will run to nearly two million dollars. The matter was left in the hands of the Executive Presbytery to proceed as it is felt under the present conditions and with a view to completing the whole building program if proper financial arrangements can be made.

After the report of Brother Ralph M. Riggs, Educational Secretary, and discussion on the value of a higher educational program, it was voted to work toward accreditation for all of our schools this fall when the association meets.

Brother Thomas Zimmerman, radio director, gave an interesting report of "Sermons in Song" and the new children's program, "The Rocket Ship," which is being very favorably received. The deficit, \$20,000, this year is about half of what it was last year.

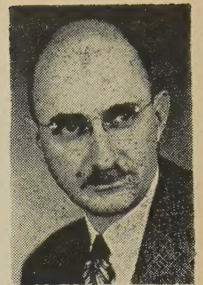
Brother G. F. Lewis, director of publications, enlightened us with regard to the production of Sunday school literature. Though some have thought that outside influence has been brought to bear, our adult literature is still largely the work of Brother Myer Pearlman.

It was approved that the profits of the Gospel Publishing House be distributed

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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES (Since June 1, 1948)

Transferred INTO the District:

Paul E. Baugher (Ordained) from New Mexico
Kathleen M. Carter (Exhorter) from Arkansas
Leslie W. Coor (Licensed) from Oregon
M. E. Edmunson (Ordained) from Southern California
Wm. F. Freeman (Ordained) from Oregon
George S. Hatton (Licensed) from Arkansas
W. E. Keller (Ordained) from Southern California
Clarence J. Larson (Ordained) from North Dakota
C. E. Lebeck (Ordained) from South Florida
J. R. Lindley (Ordained) from Southern California
Harry Oeth (Ordained) from Southern California
Clarence P. Smales (Ordained) from Southern California
Helen K. Smales (Mrs. C. P.) (Ordained) from Southern California
J. K. Soper, Jr. (Licensed) from Texas
Warren C. Weaver (Ordained) from Southern California

Transferred OUT of the District:

John M. Brown (Exhorter) to Southern California
F. E. Conrad (Ordained) to Oklahoma
Louisa B. Conrad (Mrs. F. E.) (Ordained) to Oklahoma
Sherman G. Cox (Ordained) to Southern Missouri
R. E. Cull (Ordained) to Southern Idaho
Beulah Cull (Mrs. R. E.) (Licensed) to Southern Idaho
George F. Day, Jr. (Licensed) to South Carolina
H. A. Hampton, Jr. (Licensed) to Rocky Mountain
Lena B. Hendon (Licensed) to Southern California
Pedro S. Mones (Licensed) to Southern California
Lonnie R. Mullen (Ordained) to Texas
J. N. Opperman (Ordained) to Oregon

Granted License:

Harold S. McHugh
D. R. Merrill

Withdrew:

M. J. Brewer
Ray Morales

Dropped:

Rozella L. Brewer
John A. Hasley

so that \$100,000 shall go toward financing the new building, \$20,000 to the radio program, \$10,000 to the C. A. Department, \$6,000 to the Foreign Missions Department, and \$14,000 to the Home Missions Department. A vote of confidence was given the brethren at headquarters, together with commendation for their economy and management.

Brother Noel Perkin and Brother W. R. Steelberg were appointed to be representatives to the Paris conference of the International Pentecostal Fellowship, which convenes next May. Brother Perkin and Brother G. F. Lewis were appointed to go to India to meet with the brethren at a conference on their national crisis. Brother E. S. Williams was granted a three-months leave of absence to go to Australia for a Christmas-time camp meeting. It was also advised that he attend the Paris conference if possible. A move for closer fellowship and co-operation with other Pentecostal groups was approved. Many of the brethren signified their intention to attend the coming Inter-Pentecostal Fellowship constitutional convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, October 26 to 28.

Because the support coming in for the general office is around \$20,000 less than is needed, it was voted that each District Secretary, before each District Council, send to the General Treasurer for a list showing the co-operation of the ministers in General Council support,

and it was voted to recommend that the ordained ministers of each District send in \$10 extra to help to meet the present deficit and to provide extra funds for working capital. The committee appointed to study the financial policy of the Foreign Missions Department reported their approval, which, in turn was accepted by the presbytery.

The next General Council meeting will be September 8 to 15 in Seattle, Washington.

It is impossible to go into detail in this account, but these are the high lights of the results of the meetings. We were thankful it was not too warm in Springfield. A good spirit of fellowship pervaded all the meetings, and it was the sincere desire of all to see the work of our great fellowship advance under God in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Partnership in Preaching

Some people seldom hear a good sermon. There is always something the matter with the preacher and the preaching. The sermon is too long or too short. It has not enough illustrations or is nothing but "a string of stories." It is too doctrinal or has no doctrine in it. The preacher's style is not pleasing. His enunciation is not clear, and his pronunciation is faulty. It is astonishing how much poor preaching there is! And yet there are some people who never hear a poor sermon. No matter who the preacher is, or how ignorant he may be, or how confused his thinking, they always find something in every sermon to enjoy and commend. Perhaps it is not always in the preaching after all. Sam Jones used to say that no single person can make a good sermon. It takes at least two—the one who preaches it and the one who hears it.

Never mind where your work is. Never mind whether it be visible or not. Never mind whether your name is associated with it. You may never see the issues of your toil. You are working for eternity. If you cannot see results here, remember that God does see, and if you are faithful now, your works will follow you. And so, do your duty and trust in God. —Alexander Maclaren.

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

- Oct. 4 - Klamath, Portola
Richmond
11 - Dunsmuir, Grass Valley,
Point Arena, San Francisco (Glad Tidings)
18 - Ely, Vallejo (Chabot)
25 - Corning, Tranquillity,
Watsonville (Pajaro)
Nov. 1 - Oakland (Grace), West-
wood, Whitethorn
8 - Alturas, Roseville,
Sunnyvale, Ukiah
15 - Vacaville
22 - Alamo, Morgan Hill
29 - Gridley

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Christ's

Catch The Vision

By Wesley R. Steelberg,
National C. A. Director

There is a chorus that the Christ's Ambassador sing which goes like this: "Have your eyes caught the visions? Has your heart felt the thrill: To the call of the Master Do you answer, 'I will'? For the conflict of the ages, Taught by prophets and by sages, In its fury is upon us, Is upon us today."

This question in song is one which we may well ponder in our hearts.

Youth today, driven forward by a relentless energy, an aspiration to achieve, and an ambition to excel, is eagerly looking for new worlds to conquer; and should Jesus tarry and another decade slip by on the wings of time, there will undoubtedly be such remarkable changes in our world that one can scarcely visualize the possibilities. Atomic energy may be perfected until industry will move with a speed unheard of in history; new realms of discovery will be unveiled, and marvels beyond conception accomplished along these lines. Yet in none of these things need we fear competition, for our God and His purposes in the hearts of His children are so superior to all the plans of men that they out-distance them completely.

There is, however, one vitally important factor associated with the accomplishment of God's purposes, and that is that we shall be keenly sensitized to His movings in and through human agencies. God still uses human vehicles for the accomplishment of His will and plan. How marvelous is this, that, with all the avenues of omnipotence at His command, He should still determine to use man as His "demonstration" to prove His mighty power. It is, therefore, imperative that we shall have our senses, both spiritual and physical, so anointed that we will discern the purposes of God in the fulfilling of that plan. Thus our reference to that chorus.

Have your eyes caught the vision? Oh, that our eyes might be anointed with eyesalve that we may first see God.

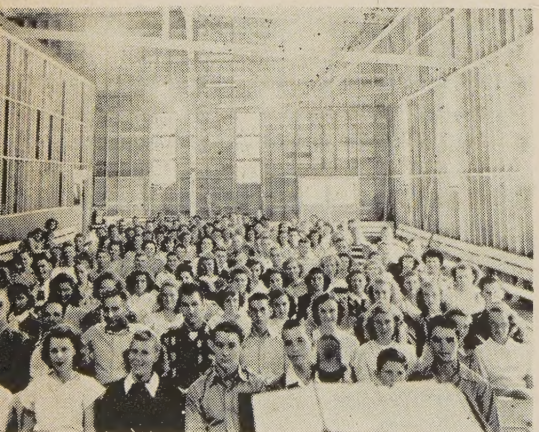
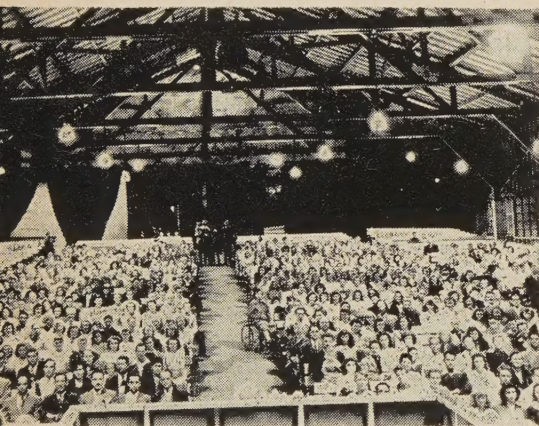
When I was a boy in the state of Colorado, I used to love to lie on the grass of the prairie and watch the

clouds. One day while indulging in this youthful pastime, I yielded to a very dangerous temptation—that was to see if I could look full into the noon-day sun with my eyes open. I did it, of course, my eyes closed involuntarily from the pain and shock. It was a foolish thing to do but I believe I learned a valuable lesson for my spiritual man from this childish impulse.

After I had opened my eyes again I had a strange sensation. I could see—my sight was not impaired—but everywhere I looked in the middle of the scene was the sun. You know what had happened, of course—the reflection of the sun's brightness had so impressed itself upon my eyes that for twenty-four hours or more it could not be erased. Oh, that we might catch such a vision of the Son—the "Sun of Righteousness" that everywhere we look we could trace His beauty, His love, His perfection, His passion, His patience, His attributes. Defects would vanish, flaws would disappear. We would not see the waves of circumstance, but the Christ on the waves walking on the sea of circumstance, triumphant over all.

Our eyes would not only behold His beauty, but they would see the outline of the path of His will. To us would be given the telescope of faith even as it was to Abraham, and we would see the city of hope looming in the distance, beckoning us on to certain victory and glorious fulfillment of all our expectations.

Then, too, our hearts would catch the thrill of adventuring in God. Young people of today are often so sophisticated, so satiated with "Life," as they speak of it, that they wonder where to turn for a new stimulant for their jaded appetites, and often resort to horrible and fantastic things for what they call a thrill; but there is never a dull moment for the young person whose heart has felt the thrill of God-occupancy, the ecstasy of a revelation of the unexplored realms of walking with God like Moses, challenging God like Elijah and many, many others of whom you know, having often read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, and being



Pictures of Youth Camp at Bethany Park. (1) Enjoying the recreation period. (2) The staff of workers, director, and speakers. (3) Attending service in the tabernacle. (4) A class session in the prayer-room.



C. A. Guide

"After so long a time our C. A. services become dull; it seems we have the same old routine over and over again. We haven't lost any regular members yet, but we're certainly not growing either. What can I, as president, do about it?"

Do these problems sound like yours? There are hundreds of small C. A. groups throughout the country, and one of their main difficulties is learning how to maintain interest in C. A. work. Naturally, a drab series of services will never attract visitors, and even regular members are tempted to leave the group when programs become boring.

The C. A. Guide cannot guarantee successful C. A. services. It is provided to assist your programing by supplying material for your meetings. It can do just that and no more. Whether the material is used effectively is entirely up to you. Similarly, the Idea Bank gives brief sketches of programs that have already proved successful, but whether or not you put these same programs across equally well is something else again. Therefore, regardless of how good the material is, the measure of benefit received from using that material is purely up to each group.

Prayer plus effort plus the C. A. Guide assures desired spiritual results. Tell other C. A. groups about the Guide, won't you?

Good Church Attendance

A stranger, passing some mines in Pennsylvania, asked a little boy why the field was so full of mules.

"These mules are worked in the mine during the week," replied the boy, "and are brought up into the light on Sunday to keep them from going blind."

The application is apparent. Do not allow yourself to go spiritually blind. Come to church on Sunday and let the light of God's Word shine into your heart.—St. Matthew Monthly.

stirred to answer, "Lord, I will."

Oh, dear young people, let us not only sing the chorus as a lovely lilting song, but let us reach after God, seek Him fervently, press in unto Him with a sanctified determination, and we shall see and experience a new day in God, for there is much land to be possessed.—*Pentecostal Testimony.*

Thanks From Central America

Dear C. A.'s of Northern California and Nevada:

Greetings in His name!

We appreciate so much the use of the car that was provided for us by the Speed-the-Light offerings of our fellow Christ's Ambassadors in our home District. Without it we would have been at a tremendous disadvantage in attempting to visit and minister to the various churches. We are able to take our public address system and also to bring with us native workers to assist in the services. The other night we were 15 in the car coming home from one service.

After getting a little settled here in the land of the Salvadoreans, we are realizing the great field that is white for harvest. Although the Assemblies of God is the largest Protestant movement in the country, we have only 3000 believers out of a population of 2,000,000. We have only three believers for every two thousand people, but each believer shines as a star in the dark night among the ungodly neighbors. His life, conduct, speech, and especially his morals change so drastically when he accepts Christ that the world knows there is something to it.

At the present time there are 51 churches, all but five being in the western half of the country. Under the supervision of the local churches there are 120 "campos blancos," or white fields, pastored by "local workers." The "campos" are white but the laborers are few. Will you pray with us that He will thrust out workers?

We would like to hear from C. A.'s, particularly those who are studying Spanish in school.

—Arthur and Jane Lindvall,
Apartado 99, Santa Ana, El Salvador

New Group

The C. A.'s of Bethel Church, San Jose, are thankful for the forward strides made during the few months of the organization's existence. Not only have we been blessed by an ever-increasing membership, but also with a spirit of enthusiasm, which is essential in spreading the gospel. In May we were able to help in some measure to speed the light by presenting a bicycle to Brother Floyd Thomas for the mission field in Africa. Displayed in the church is the Peninsula banner, which Bethel has been awarded three consecutive times in the 1948 contest.

Debate

Six of the Roseville C. A.'s recently participated in a debate in a C. A. service. The subject was: "Resolved that Christian youth should go to Bible school rather than secular college." The affirmative won.

Election of Officers

Auburn C. A.s had their annual business meeting recently, and the following were elected:

Sam McNut, President.

Nell Patton, Vice president.

Charles Whitecotton, Treasurer.

Louise Francis, Secretary.

Some of the Auburn C. A.'s spent their vacations at the Santa Cruz camp and two received the baptism while there. In a banner contest of the Capitol section C. A.'s, the Auburn C. A.s took home the banner three consecutive times.

Rally

The monthly sectional C. A. rally for the Capitol section was held at Lincoln, August 22. The choir and orchestra from Bethel Temple, Sacramento, furnished special music and vocal numbers. Brother Nelson Hinman was the speaker. Incidentally, Bethel Temple took the banner home from the last rally. Sorry, Auburn!

Wedding Bells

Three of Bethel Temple's C. A.'s have been united in marriage. Saturday, September 4, Ronald Thayer and Dorothy Couchman took their nuptial vows in Bethel Temple, Sacramento. About 300 relatives and friends witnessed the beautiful ceremony.

Sunday afternoon, September 5, Bethel Temple was again the setting for the wedding of Wesley Meng and Vona Keyes. They left Sacramento on September 13 to attend C. B. I.

Farewell

Nine C. A.'s from Bethel Temple, Sacramento, are leaving for Bible school. Three are going to C. B. I., namely, Paul Johnson, Vona and Wesley Meng. Two are going to Southern California Bible College in Pasadena: Dorothy Collins and Don Nelson. Four are going to Glad Tidings in San Francisco: Ronald Keskeys, Duncan and Bill Morley, and Frank Mapes. May the Lord bless them as they prepare for His service.

—Hazel Thompson, Reporter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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The Labourer Is Worthy

by Orville Painter

(Luke 10:7)

"If the gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope of the world—and it is; if the church is the divinely appointed agency for the spreading of the gospel—and it is; if the church school is the recruiting station and training camp of the church—and it is; then the church school is the hope of the world." Quoted from the book *Christian Education and the Local Church* by James DeForest Murch. At the first glance these words from this Christian educator seem to be far fetched, but under closer scrutiny in the light of the holy Scriptures they bear a message that is laden with truth emphasized in modern speech. If the words of Jesus Christ, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" mean anything to us, then they are most certainly descriptive of the church in action. If our Sunday school department absorbs the bulk of our teaching, then our Sunday school department is the church in action in the teaching ministry. Then if the Sunday school department absorbs a great part of our teaching ministry and is found to be in action there, then this department is in demand of an able and energetic leader, which we do have in the Northern California and Nevada District.

Now then that this office is in demand and we do have it, I believe that which demands it will support the office. I have pastored several churches, and in each instance when taking a new charge I have always found that the Sunday school men of the district had the ability, with the grace of God, to put new life in the Sunday school department of the church. In order to appreciate the office properly I have supported it with the tithe of the Sunday school offerings of the local church. I have yet to see the Sunday school offerings fail to grow after we began to tithe of the offerings of that department. I was called to pastor the Assemblies of God Tabernacle in one

city where the Sunday school income was running from three to four dollars each week. When I suggested that we tithe of the Sunday school offerings, the superintendent was very much for it; so the tithe of the local Sunday school offerings was sent into the district office for the support of its Sunday school department. The attention of the entire school was drawn to the register, not alone to see whether we had gained in numbers, but to see whether the Sunday school income was climbing or not. And, sure enough, to the joy of all, the income began to show a welcome increase not only in offering but also in attendance.

On my accepting the pastoral charge at Delhi, I suggested the scriptural idea of the tithe of our Sunday school department income. In view of the fact that our District presbytery had created a Sunday school office for the promotion of Sunday school work in the Northern California and Nevada district, we decided that we would tithe to that office. This was just the thing for all concerned. Now when we look at the Sunday school report, instead of seeing from six to ten dollars, we see from eighteen to twenty dollars. We had enough surplus in the Sunday school treasury to pay the expenses of our Daily Vacation Bible School without having to draw from the treasury of other departments in the church. This had not been done before.

Thank God, it pays to pay God even out of the Sunday school income. "Bring ye all the tithe in the storehouse, (even tithes of the Sunday school) that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10).

Are your Sunday school offerings insufficient? Tithe of the same and watch it gain. Is your Sunday school

LET'S CHECK UP

It is necessary to have a checkup occasionally on our cars to see what we need to do to keep them in good running condition. Parts become worn and sometimes things break because of defective material or poor workmanship. A checkup will reveal these things and then we can have them fixed before they cause us a lot of trouble.

It is just as necessary to make a checkup of our Sunday schools to see where our weak spots are and thus be able to make the necessary corrections before some soul is lost because of the improper functioning of some part of our Sunday school.

It is now time for the yearly checkup of our schools over the nation. You have already received the checkup forms which were sent out from our office. The information which this checkup will give to you pastors and superintendents will actually help you to see the need within your own school. Your district Sunday school office, as well as the national Sunday school office, desires to help you have a better Sunday school than you have ever had before. But how can we know what your real need is unless we have a checkup.

When you fill out the checkup form you are to keep one copy for your own records and send the other copy to our office at 1009 Fifth St., Vallejo, Calif. We then make a duplicate copy of your report for our office records and send the original copy to the national Sunday school office where they not only use it themselves but the various departments at headquarters often refer to your Sunday school report to help them in their part of the work.

Be sure and fill in the check-up form immediately and send it in to our office.

I will be Thine with all my powers,
My mem'ry, mind and will,
And all my consecrated hours
Thy service to fulfill.

It is a great mistake for young people to despise what the old have learned by experience.

income large? Tithe of the same and watch it grow larger. Other districts are making the Sunday school pay its officer with the tithe from the local Sunday school offering. We can even do better in this wonderful district that is second to none. Let's make the Sunday school department pay its way in this Scriptural way.



Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

J. Edgar Hoover Speaks of Prayer

"The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God. Invoking by prayer the might and mercy of God is our most efficacious means of guaranteeing peace and security for the harassed and helpless peoples of the earth."—J. Edgar Hoover.

Israel-State Is A Reality

Regardless of all the hindrances a new nation has come into being. The Jews now have a State of their own. No one would have believed it could be done so quickly and by the Jews themselves. They persevered and progressed alone—but we are sure the Lord Himself was with them, though not visibly. But in hidden ways He helped them. He will arise for them more powerfully and visibly when they repent and cry to Him. At the present hour their many leaders are anti-religious and absolutely materialistic.

The Berlin Crisis Is As A Powder Keg

Only an unwise touch is needed to set off the "powder keg" and war will begin again. The U. S. does not intend to commit any belligerent act to light the powder keg, neither is there any hint the leaders will be "coerced or intimidated as to getting out of Berlin." We should think not, with the atomic bomb in their possession, but of course they do not want to use any force. And Russia may have that secret, also, as well as many worse ones.

Prophecy Fulfilled In All That Is Coming To Pass

The hand of God is manifested before men's eyes, but their eyes are blinded to this fact. All that has happened and will happen in Palestine is according to what has been written. The Jews are in the limelight. Their coup in the obtaining of their objective was unique and outstanding and it is the fulfillment of prophecy. All the world is concerned in the restoration of Israel. Their King, the Lord Jesus Christ, is coming to reign and they must be in their land. Everything depends upon the Jews' restoration; and this is beginning. The Jewish State is here and gradually it will increase and develop. We are seeing end-things coming to pass by leaps and bounds and we are looking up for our redemption draws nigh.

Comic Books Influence Deplorable

One of America's leading writers for young people thinks the effect of comic books on young minds is deplorable.

Mrs. Florence Crannell Means of Boulder, Colorado, said, comic books give youngsters too glamorized a picture of the adult world. Problems, she contended, are solved too easily in comic fiction.

Mrs. Means conducted a workshop in juvenile literature at the University of Colorado's writers' conference. In 1945 she received the award of the Child Study Association of America.

Spirit Revival Urged

Charles A. Lindbergh urged a spiritual revival across America to combat science "which is destroying the very civilization which created it."

In a book, *Of Flight and Life* being published now, the one-time "Lone Eagle" and World War II test pilot and aeronautical consultant, says that the United States is the only western nation which still has "great strength" and it should now be branded on our consciousness that unless science is controlled by a greater moral force, it will become the anti-Christ prophesied by early Christians.

"Security from the atom bomb," he said, "is the greatest peacetime objective."

Asserting that he grew up a disciple of science and felt it was "more important than either man or God," Lindbergh said he now understands "spiritual truth is more essential to a nation than the mortar in its cities' walls."

"We are in the grip of a scientific materialism," he said, "caught in a vicious cycle where our security today seems to depend on regimentation and weapons which will ruin us tomorrow."

Alcoholics Need More Than Jail

In a recent interview over Station KFBK in Sacramento, Burdette Daniels, chairman of Governor Warren's commission on adult corrections and release procedures, stated that "alcoholics are sick people who cannot help but drink," and they should be treated for their physical and emotional ailments following arrest. The commission is working with public officials of Alameda and San Francisco Counties to set up a "pilot clinic" and devise the proper treatment program for alcoholics.

The "treatment" which God can give has proven without fail to be satisfac-

tory. Would to God that men would turn to Him who is able and willing to help.

Gideons To Purchase Bibles For New Army

The purchase of 500,000 Bibles to supply the new peace-time army was authorized at the 49th Annual Convention of the Gideons in San Francisco in July.

More than 1,000 delegates and visitors from 32 states and Canada attended the five-day session.

Since its founding in 1898, it was disclosed, the organization has distributed 2,809,397 Bibles throughout the U. S.; 3,376,328 youth Testaments; and 9,678,984 military Testaments. Five million more Testaments have been ordered for distribution to youths.

To Mobilize Industry

Not only will able young men and able young women be drafted for military service, in the event of World War III, but all American industry will be mobilized. In a report to the U. S. Senate on April 23, 1948, the War Investigation Committee recommended that an industrial mobilization plan be drawn up now to include universal service. In other words, every citizen will be assigned to a war job. The trend is definitely toward regimentation. The stage is being set for the World State of the Antichrist, when a single ruler will have power over every individual, as foretold in Revelation 13.

The End Of The World

When the atom bomb shattered Hiroshima it reopened the haunting question of annihilation. But even before physicists developed the atom bomb, astronomers knew of greater, if less immediate, threats to world safety.

In the opinion of experts, these are some of the catastrophes which may some day plunge the earth into chaos:

REVOLT OF THE SUN: According to astronomers, internal disturbances may suddenly cause the sun to expand to as much as three times its normal size. The resulting increase in heat would then raise the temperature of the earth to about that of melting lead.

BATTLE OF GRAVITY: The stars travel at such tremendous speeds and in so many different directions that some day one might enter our solar system. Such a possibility of a white dwarf star coming dangerously near the earth would cause chaos. The gravitational force of white dwarf stars is so much greater than our own that people, buildings, ships, every moveable object on earth would be irresistibly drawn toward it, and in a few min-

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Alameda (Estuary) - Because of the steady growth of the Estuary Christian Fellowship to an enrollment of more than 200 members, the church has been given the exclusive use of the Child Care Center Building for services and Sunday school. This makes it unnecessary to dismantle the assembly room each Sunday and permits daytime activities and more evening services. Brother G. R. Maloney is the pastor.

ANDERSON - Brother Jack Wien opened services in the Grange Hall on Sunday, September 19. This is intended as a temporary location, until more suitable quarters may be secured.

APTOS - Evangelists Kathleen Carter and Rose Mary Berlin held a good meeting there early in September. Brother Harry Oeth is the new pastor, succeeding Brother Ralph Ware.

BURNEY - Brother Jack Wien has left the work there to go to Anderson to start services. Brother Chester Kenworthy continues on in Burney. The Shasta district fellowship meeting was held there September 13. The afternoon and evening speakers were Pastor Fred Pagel of Central Valley and Brother Crawford of Lakeview, Oregon.

CALISTOGA - The North Bay fellowship meeting was held in the new location, the congregation now rents the building which was the Methodist church. A dedication service was held with Brothers M. P. Bohnet, Albert Ruedger, E. E. Zimmerman, and O. A. Robertson participating. Brother Walter Larson, pastor in Southern California, brought the evening evangelistic message. The pastor is Myrtle Hynning.

CHICO - The church recently enjoyed the ministry of Eddie and Ruthie Washington and of Dale and Les Holmes. To accommodate the crowds extra seats had to be placed in the main auditorium, and the Sunday school reached a new high for the summer. The C. A.'s are having unusually good meetings and the entire church is feeling the revival spirit. E. Wm. Anderson is pastor.

CHOWCHILLA - Pastor H. J. Hays reports having a very good revival meeting with Evangelist Melvin Long of Oklahoma in August.

FERNDAL - Brother Leslie Lewis is the new pastor, succeeding Brother Warren V. Pine, who has gone to Weott.

HAPPY CAMP - Brother Walter Boring has left the work he had just out of Madera and is now the new pastor in Happy Camp. Brother Leslie Coor, who came down to this District to serve as pastor there for a while, has returned to Oregon.

JACKSON - The first fellowship meeting was held there September 13, when the Capitol section had its monthly gathering on that date. Pastor Earl F. Davis of Stockton was the evening speaker. Sisters Lillian Hamilton and Pansy Owens have had the work there for several months.

News from . . .

Here and There

Albert J. Lebeck, Field Reporter

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2622 W Street :-: Sacramento, Calif.

KEYES - Since the gospel work there was opened over a year ago, believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit, many have been at the altar for salvation, and 39 have been baptized in water. Starting August 22, Brother Wharton of Ceres held a revival campaign for Pastor Carl O. Olson.

LODI - Pastor Mark Hinman reports they have recently closed the largest gospel revival meeting there in 30 years. Four churches co-operated with the Christian Business Men's Association in a four weeks tent meeting with the Humbard family. Over 100 were saved and the attendance reached 2200.

MODESTO (Bethel) - Brother and Sister Richard Ruff began a revival campaign with Pastor Donald G. Weston on September 19.

MODESTO (6th and G) - Brother Orville Painter, who has been pastor in Delhi, has been chosen to be the new pastor.

MOUNTAIN VIEW - In the new gospel work Phillip Lindvall started in Mountain View during the summer, the Sunday school attendance has reached more than 100. Attendance at the services remains small, but there is a growing young people's band. The meetings are held in a lodge hall. On October 3, Calvary Assembly of God of Mountain View begins a weekly broadcast over Station KLOK, 1170 kc., San Jose, from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., under the direction of Philip and Eunice Lindvall.

OAKDALE - Sister Emmy Pearson held Sunday school teachers' training classes and special meetings for Pastor E. L. Spilman from September 12 to 19.

OAKLAND - The union meeting all the Oakland assemblies held with Brother William W. Freeman in the Civic Auditorium from September 14 to 26 was not only well attended, but there were many remarkable healings, testimonies of which will be heard for many days to come. Many were at the altar for salvation, and it is agreed that a good work was done for the glory of God and the good of the churches.

ORLAND - Brother J. N. Opperman has resigned as pastor to become pastor of the assembly in Bandon, Oregon.

REDDING - Pastor R. T. Doherty reports that the revival campaign Evangelist Jack Coe held there August 1 to 29 was the greatest meeting ever held in Redding. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit, and over 70 were baptized in water at a union service with several co-operating churches. The Sunday school attendance reached a new high of 234. The meetings

were held in a tent which seated nearly 1000, and many times there were people seated outside of the tent. The revival spirit continues. Great good has been accomplished.

RICHMOND - The meetings Brother William W. Freeman held for Pastor C. E. Persing in August were held in the beautiful new church, which, though not yet completed, was made ready to accommodate large crowds that attended the services. It is estimated that there were 300 at the altar for salvation. There were many healings, some of them outstanding.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel) - Recent guests at the temple include: Thomas Johnson, principal of Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Toronto, Canada; 11 ministers of the United Full Gospel Fellowship, Tacoma Washington, enroute to the youth rally in the Hollywood Bowl; Sister Lillie Bufum; and Mrs. Myrtle Daniels of Kansas City. It is expected that the missionary giving for the fiscal year will exceed \$17,000. Pastor Nelson E. Hinman has submitted his resignation. He intends to move to Berkeley so that his young son can attend Berkeley's School for the Blind.

SALIDA - Reports Pastor Dan Robinson: "Just closed a good revival in which there were three saved and the church was stirred to a greater vision by the good preaching of Evangelist A. R. Work from Oklahoma."

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel) - The meetings Evangelist Fred Steinman has been holding with Pastor Charles G. Weston are continuing. The meetings began in June.

SAN JOSE (Calvary) Brother Richard Ruff has been chosen to be the new pastor.

SAN JOSE (Upper Room) - The Peninsula fellowship meeting was held there September 13. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Elmer Stump of Morgan Hill. Evangelist Curry brought the evening message. The pastor is Brother Max Freimark.

SANTA CRUZ - On August 30 the Coast Counties section held its fellowship meeting with Pastor Raymond P. Murray. The speakers were Brothers Harry Oeth and George Elrod. Evangelists Bernice Mast and Oleta Webb held special meetings there from August 29 to September 12 on "Training for Christian Service." The regular meeting nights were evangelistic meetings.

SAUSALITO - The latter part of August, Evangelists Kathleen Carter and Rose Mary Berlin held a campaign for Pastor O. A. Robertson.

STIRLING CITY - Pastor Robert Cornwall has resigned and has gone to Washington to hold evangelistic meetings.

SUSANVILLE - The Nevada district fellowship meeting was held there September 6. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Herbert Brown of Reno. Sister Colby brought a missionary message about Arabia, where she and her husband have been for several years. The evening speaker was Pastor William Ross of Westwood. Those who attended the services enjoyed the chicken dinner the ladies of the church served their guests, between meetings. The pastor is J. S. Jamison.

VALLEJO (Chabot) - Brother Charles Pepper has resigned as pastor.

WATERFORD - Sister B. Hudson reports: "We just recently closed a revival with Evangelist Bobby Clark. While he was here souls were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. We had a very successful Sunday school drive, the attendance rising from 112 to 236." The pastor is Earl Teal.

WEED - Brother Albert Rowley has been chosen to be the new pastor, succeeding Brother Herbert W. Brown.

WEOTT - Brother Warren V. Pine, formerly of Ferndale, is the new pastor.

WILLOWS - September 19 Brother Albert Rowley closed his ministry there as pastor to go to Weed.

PERSONAL MENTION

Evangelist **THOMAS B. DON CARLOS** recently held three weeks revival meetings with Brother **EMIL LASSEGUES** in Montreal, Canada.

Brother **J. W. STOVALL** closed a three-weeks meeting in Shamrock, Texas, in which he reports that some were saved and filled with the Spirit and some were healed.

Brother **C. F. WILHITE**, accompanied by his family, has been holding meetings in Oregon for several weeks. He is expecting to sail in December for South Africa.

Brother **R. E. HENKE** is busy again in his work with the Mexican nationals in the San Joaquin Valley. In the work at the camps, he has been helped by the C. A.'s of Atwater and Merced. On September 26 he began weekly broadcasts from Station **KYOS**, Merced, 1430 kc., Sundays, 7:15 to 7:30 a. m. These programs are in Spanish. Sister Henke has had a healing touch from the Lord on her body and is much improved in health.

Sister **Alice Collins** wishes it to be known that she is ready to do church missionary work where needed. Her address is 1437 Fillmore Street, San Francisco.

New Arrivals

There's a new member on the missionary force in the Philippines. Brother and Sister **Clyde V. Shields** are the proud parents of a daughter, **Paula Maurdel**, born August 4.

Pastor and Mrs. **Duke Kelly** of Greenville have a second daughter. Little **Rebecca Sue** joined the family circle September 15.

The pastors of Calvary Rescue Mission in San Francisco, Brother and Sister **Caleb Anderson**, have a new charge. They welcomed the arrival of a son, **Stephen Caleb**, on September 16.

Brother **H. S. McHugh** is now open for evangelistic calls and will be traveling alone. His address is 143 West Reed Street, Apt. 4, San Jose.

(This letter from Gross Stuttgart, Germany, has been translated from the German by Brother Emil J. Naef, who has been working with Church World Service.)

Dear Brother Naef:

Several months ago we were notified by Brother **Emil Humburg**, General Chairman of the organized Pentecostal movement, that we would receive part of the relief shipment from the Northern California District. We rejoiced in advance over the good news, especially since we have a great number of Pentecostal D. P.'s who have fled from the Russians and therefore have lost everything. Many of them would like to attend our services but cannot do so for lack of clothes.

The Lord Jesus had started a gracious work among us. The current of God's mighty power is enjoyed by all of us. We have outgrown our building and are holding our meetings in a large tent in the main district of the town.

A multitude of people have been saved and filled, and the last few Sunday nights we had to turn a great number of people away. Oh, how we thank our God that He once more, in these last and eventful days, is giving the German nation another chance to turn to our mericful God.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for the wonderful garments and the whole dried milk you have sent to us. May the Lord Jesus richly reward you for your generous gifts. As a nation who had gone so far astray, we do not deserve such consideration.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

To help strike a blow at liquor . . .

When you vote on November 2, be sure to:

Vote NO on No. 2.

Vote YES on No. 12.

Churches, women's clubs, and all dry forces in California are united in the effort to get this measure passed. It will give local control of liquor sales, giving each municipality or county the right to decide by local election whether or not liquor may be sold within its borders.

The liquor interests are sponsoring No. 2 with a similar sounding title, in order to confuse the voters and to nullify the effect of No. 12.

Don't be confused - Vote YES on No. 12 and NO on No. 2.

FOR SALE - Sunday school bus, Dodge, price \$500. If interested, write Pastor **R. L. Neal**, Rohnerville, California

Relief Brings Blessing

I wish, though, you could watch the tears so freely flowing when our old mothers held up the garments received and asked God to reward the giver, and the eyes of the young children when they drink the rich and wonderful milk prepared from the powdered milk you provided for us, or when they carry their garments home as though they had received great treasures. I sincerely wish we could extend our hands over the great ocean and give you a hearty handshake and God bless you. But we shall do that before long in the meeting in the air when our glorious Master will gather His own. I know you will find out the truth of the Scripture verse, "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Once again, as the pastor of the flock, I thank each and every one of you who have made this shipment of mercy possible. As the poor and yet made rich in Him through the fellowship of God's people we ask the Lord daily to bless and prosper you in every phase of your life and labor for Him.

Your co-worker in this part of His harvest field,

PAULA GASSNER.

(Brother John Lindvall has visited Stuttgart in his travels and reported a gracious work of God. He was greatly impressed by the liberty and freedom of worship that prevails in the services Sister Gassner conducts. Her group is one of the many that were represented at the conference held in Stuttgart for the purpose of uniting the Full Gospel groups.—E. J. Naef).

Women's Missionary Council

The following interesting letter has been received from Agnes Rodli and Mildred James who recently went to Alaska to work for the Lord:

"After a week of travel by ship, train, and plane, we arrived safely in McGrath the 14th of August, thanking the Lord for a safe and enjoyable trip. McGrath is the central air base of Alaska, and though only a very small town, it is growing fast because of its importance to the territory. Brother and Sister Teeter established the work here about three or four years ago coming from the Oregon District. There is a fine little church building and Sunday school, but at best it has been a slow growth because of the hardness of the people. The Teeters have been on a moose hunt, securing a winter's supply of meat. In their absence we have been taking charge of the church services as well as looking after their property, which means mostly caring for their nine malemutes. A person's dogs in interior Alaska are his most valuable possessions as they mean their transportation in the winter—the only means in the winter, except by plane, which, of course, the average person does not own. Brother and Sister Teeter are able to do considerable gospel work by dog team during the winter months, visiting the surrounding villages and fish camps as well as the trappers far off the beaten tracks.

"Our stay here, however, is only temporary. We expect to leave within a few days for Nicolai, an Indian village about 50 miles up river. The Teeters will take us in their boat, plus our winter's supply of groceries, as we will have no way of coming out until spring, and Nicolai does not have either a store or a post office. There has never been a school in the village. The Office of Indian Affairs says it cannot send a teacher in before 1950, if then; so ours is the task of teaching the three R's as well as bringing the gospel. The Russian Orthodox people who came into Nicolai about a century ago, have left traces of their religion, but the villagers themselves are none the better for it as they know nothing yet of Jesus and His power to save. Theirs is a life of darkness and superstition, and many of them are sick and bound to drink. Do pray with us that the Lord will grant of His wisdom and grace as we work among them. The battle is not ours but the Lord's!

"Last Friday we received two boxes from the North Sacramento district. God bless the W.M.C. and their work!

What a thrill we had opening them, and how we appreciate the things which were sent, the much needed blanket sheets and towels as well as clothing. We do want to say a sincere thank you to all who had a part.

"With regard to a Christmas box, we would appreciate gifts for our children. It would be well to remind those interested in sending gifts that none of these children can read or write so there would be no need for books past first or second grade reading. This would also hold true with regard to games. We could well use nuts, candy, popcorn, and dried fruits for adults as well as for our boys and girls. The entire village numbers about 60. Anything mailed to us should be sent as soon as possible as we will get our mail only as Brother and Sister Teeter are able to come to Nicolai with their dog team. At best it won't be often as the trip takes two and a half days each way and they must be here week-ends for their Sunday services. We expect the freeze-up the first of October so it may be that they will find snow-travel good in November and will make the trip.

"We trust our friends in the states will understand if we do not write often. We may not be able to make connections. But we do covet your prayers and the Lord richly bless you!"

I am sure some of our W. M. C. groups will enjoy sending Christmas gifts to this village of around 60 people, which includes about 15 boys 6 to 18 years of age, about 15 girls 6 to 18, and about 10 pre-school-age children. They add: "Having never had schooling, the teenagers would enjoy much the same things as the eight-year-olds."

Mrs. Walker Hall, missionary in Canton, China, for whom prayer was requested at camp meeting, was wonderfully touched by the Lord, according to a letter received by Mrs. Irving Ford. Mrs. Hall had been very ill for about six weeks. Mrs. Ford also received word that Sister Lulu Ashmore of Singapore is convalescing after a very serious illness with malaria which followed a siege of boils. We are glad to hear God has undertaken.

Emma Decker and Sister Bard celebrated their birthdays together on August 27 in Peiping, China, with students and teachers in the Bible School. Later some of the children from the orphanage came and sang "Happy Birthday"

in English for them and received candies and cookies in return. That evening, after the usual weekly missionary prayer meeting, a big birthday cake was brought in and they enjoyed a fine time of fellowship. Sister Emma adds: "We do this for all our missionaries in Peiping as we feel it gives the new missionaries, as well as the older ones, a touch of home." She also sent some pictures of relief clothing being given out.

Sister Bernice Proctor, Hakalau, Hawaii, has some personal needs, especially for little Maile who is now in the first grade of school. I will be glad to furnish sizes to anyone wishing to send things to these workers.

It is time to plan for Christmas boxes for our home missionaries. Boxes for foreign missionaries should already be on the way so they will be received by Christmas. God Bless our W.M.C. ladies in their work for Him!

—Mrs. R. J. Thurmond.

Current Signs

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utes, our planet, and possibly the whole solar system would be entirely disintegrated.

DANGER FROM THE MOON: The moon's influence on our ocean tides retards the earth's rotation about one second every 100,000 years. As the earth slows, the moon is receding to a point where the earth's rotation might accelerate and, like a colossal magnet, draw the moon back to within 8,000 miles of us. Then, as the moon is split apart by our superior force of gravity its huge fragments will shatter our cities into oblivion. The fragments which did not hit us would remain to circle the earth like millions of new moons.

DEATH BY FREEZING: Among the potential destroyers of our planet are the dark stars—those invisible cold masses whose presence is known only by their attraction for other astronomical bodies, like the earth. If a dark star should kidnap us from the sun by pulling us out of our orbit, a loss of only a small percentage of the sun's heat would freeze the earth.

WAVES OF PRESSURE: When the asteroid Hermes crossed the earth's orbit in February, 1938, it missed us by only 485,000 miles and did no damage. But if Hermes or a similar small planet should ever come close, the tremendous pressure wave it would create could flatten everything in its path.

TARGET FOR METEORS: The earth is never safe from meteors which fly through space by the millions. In

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India

From Claremont, Landour, Missoorie, U. P., India, Brother and Sister Ovid Dillingham write:

"At present our house is divided on the language question, as one of us is studying Hindi and the other Urdu. The real spoken language is a mixture of them both. . . . It is cool here even if the language study does give us the feeling of always being in hot water. . . .

"We have accepted a tremendous task since we last wrote, and that is the supervision of the James Harvey Memorial Boys' School at Nawabgunj, Gonda. The school has never before been under the complete supervision of the Assemblies of God. Neither has it been our complete financial responsibility before. Now it is both of these, and upon our shoulders is this charge to God and to you for the proper administration of it. We are to take up this responsibility November 1. . . . It is no joke to be mother and father to about 50 orphan boys, care for eight or ten old women and widows, supervise 110 boarding boys, and handle a hundred day students. Of course we have the help of eight or ten teachers and dormitory fathers, but sometimes they can be as big a problem as the boys. . . .

"We again have the privilege of having a Bible class in the boys' hostel at Woodstock. It is truly the hand of the Lord that allows this privilege, when there are over 50 missions with missionaries on the hillside and many with children in school and the Pentecostal group is allowed to conduct the class with no restrictions. The Lord is opening other channels for both of us to minister to the Anglo-Indian youth in Landour. . . .

"India continues to struggle for her independence . . . but her struggles these days are no worse than those of other nations of the world. . . . God has continued to sustain us both in body and soul. We know it is because the folks at home have continued to pray and give. May the Lord bless you for your share in His work."

Fiji Islands

We quote in part, from a letter from Brother and Sister A. M. Heeteby, who are laboring in Suva:

"We are enjoying our car, and have driven it over the 500 miles breaking-in period. Already since it is in use

1908, meteoritic material fell in Siberia, and in prehistoric times a meteor tore a large hole in Arizona. No one was hurt by those masses of hot metal, but devastation could happen.

we have opened up two more new works where we had invitations. One is in an Indian home. . . . One evening, driving along a certain settlement a few miles out of Suva, we saw many children playing. The next day we started a new Sunday school there with over 30 children, and we were given the use of a large open shed with benches and seats to use. As soon as the children spy the car coming, they raise their hands and cheer until we get there. . . .

"Another work is in a private home, which, by the way, is the house in which we had our very first Sunday school in Fiji. . . . Our Toorak Sunday school is held in the lower story of a concrete store building, which is free to us. Then we have two Sunday schools in garages. . . .

"One of our largest branches has now been given the free use of two buildings, former army huts, as long as the buildings remain there. They are billeted to go to a government school one day, which may be in several months or in several years. Please pray that we will be able to procure some land there so that we can build when the buildings are moved. There are 75 and more attending there.

"One of our workers hikes inland from the main road over a muddy, soap-stony path each Sunday to preach in a Solomon Island village. They have no clocks and sometimes come an hour too early or an hour too late for service. So they have improvised a bell by hanging up a piece of iron in the tree and striking it. Altogether, with Suva and our branches, we are reaching around 400 every Sunday. We wish a young couple from U. S. A. would feel the call and could be stationed in villages some distance from Suva. . . . We now have two local full-time workers."

Venezuela

Brother and Sister Lowell E. Dowdy are now at work in the Bible school in Barquisimeto. He writes:

"At last the long-looked-for papers from the Venezuelan Consulate arrived informing us that the Speed-the-Light car designated to us from the C. A.'s of the Northern California and Nevada District had arrived from New York. Immediately I made the trip to La Gaira, the steaming, tropical port one hour from Caracas. It was learned that the 'Rio Orinoco' had made port the previous evening. The pea-green Chevrolet was brought ashore 24 hours later. The car could not be cleared through customs that day, so, being a stranger

in a strange country, I breathed a prayer to Father, 'Where, Lord, would you have me to spend the night?' Then the practical side of the preacher took over and he proceeded toward the adjoining better-class beach village called Macuto. But God! Half way there the Holy Spirit succeeded in calling attention to the fact that Macuto was not His perfect will for me; so I returned to the hotter, poorer section of La Gaira and secured a vacant cot in the room of another tenant. My heart was content, and I made plans to catch up on some much needed rest. But God had other plans.

"When my roommate arrived it was learned that God had taken to heaven the Christian mother of 19-year-old Omar Albanoz when he was only six years old. His orphaned sister, brother and he were taken under the wing of the veteran missionary George Holmberg. . . . The sister followed her mother's God, but the boys followed the god of this world. How loving, tender, and mighty is our God! His ways are marvelous and past finding out. He sent His servant to water and cultivate the seed that another had planted so many years ago, and at 10:30 that night there was rejoicing in heaven because a new name had been written in the Lamb's book of life. . . . Already our Speed-the-Light car had been the means of winning one to Christ!

"We are happy here in the Bible school work, and we believe you would have a hard time finding a more consecrated, humble, eager group of Pentecostal young people anywhere than the 16 students here. Their subjects are really difficult because a three-years course is being covered in 13 and a half months, and many of them have not had more than two years of grammar school education. But we are pleased with their progress. In our young people lies our hope for the future self-supporting church of Venezuela. We need your help and prayers as we endeavor to teach and help mold these young lives for the glory of God. The \$15 a month each one pays is not sufficient to buy the food, and at times this presents a problem. If God lays it upon your heart to send an offering, please mark it 'Instituto Biblico Central, Barquisimeto,' and send it through the Missions Department, Springfield."

Faith is not a magic drug, a spiritual anaesthetic; it is a victory that overcometh the world by doing battle with it.
— E. Herman.

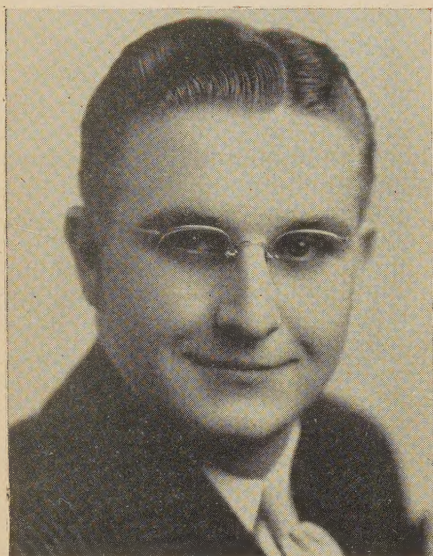
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